

Mensa Otabil

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Pastor Mensa Otabil is a Ghanaian theologian, philanthropist, motivational speaker, entrepreneur.^{[1][2]} He is the founder of International Central Gospel Church headquartered in Accra, Ghana.^[2] In 2013 he was considered the twenty fourth most influential Ghanaian.^[3] He is also the founder and Chancellor of Central University College.^[2]

Dr. Mensa Otabil is a respected Christian statesman: a well-tested pastor, an educator, an entrepreneur, and a motivational speaker. He founded International Central Gospel Church and oversees the multi-faceted network of ministries of the International Central Gospel Church worldwide, with its headquarters in Accra, Ghana. He also serves as the senior pastor of Christ Temple, a ministry of the International Central Gospel Church, with a congregation in the tens of thousand. His over-riding passion is to see the timeless principles of the Bible made applicable to the renewal and transformation of Africa. His messages speak to the pertinent concerns of a continent and people seeking solutions to their perplexing challenges. Dr. Otabil is chancellor at Ghana's premier private university – Central University College. He also serves on several Boards and Trusts of organizations. He is committed to human uplifting and presents the inspirational radio and television broadcast – The Living Word. He has authored numerous books and he is highly sought-after speaker at major conferences and mega churches around the continents of the world.

Personal life

Mensa Anamua Otabil was born on August 31, 1959 to Dinah and Llyod Otabil who lived on Asafo Street in Sekondi, Western Region of Ghana. He was the 4th born and the 3rd son in a family of 5 comprising 4 boys and a girl(Effie, Kojo, Ekow, Mensa and Kofi). In his formative years, his family moved to Baka-ekyir and then European Town (Ghana,Sekondi) where he attended Anglican Primary School near Gyandu Park, Sekondi. He later enrolled in Class2 at the Community 2 No.3 Primary & middle School (now Mexico School) in January 1966. This was when his family moved to Tema as a result of his father's transfer and promotion to be the Personnel manager at GIHOC Boat yard in Tema. After passing his Common Entrance Exams, he gained admission to Swedru Secondary School(SWESCO) in 1972 and completed his Ordinary Level Studies in 1977. While in Tema, he worshipped with his mother at St.Albans Anglican Church Community 1 but after followed his mother to the Assemblies of God Church in Tema Community 4. Unfortunately, he lost his mother in 1975 and his father a year later. He was also a member of Power House Fellowship in Tema. In the late 1970s, his family moved to Roman Ridge and later to Kanda in Accra where he joined the Kanda fellowship. Around that time, he also gained employment with the Audio Visual Department of the Ministry of Information. It was there that he met and worked with Edwin Donkor, who was later to become a pastor in ICGC. On 26 February 1984, he started the International Central Gospel Church ministry the Kanda Cluster of Schools, and later moved to Sal Valley School, also in the Kanda area. Today, he serves as General Overseer of the Church and Senior Pastor of Christ temple Abossey Okai in Accra. pastor Otabil has been awarded honorary doctorate degrees for his work in various fields. He was also a recipient of a Millennium Excellence Award. In 2007, he was honored by the Government of Ghana with a state award, Order of the Volta(Religion). Dr. Otabil is committed to a number of charitable and social impact projects. Every year, the International Central Gospel Church invests in a project for the less privileged. Some examples in the past have been donations to the Ghana Heart Foundation, construction of a boy's hostel for the Osu children's Home and digging of boreholes for needy communities. Dr. otabil is the chancellor of the Central University College, Ghana's premier private

university. He is highly sought after as an author and international speaker. He is also the CEO of Otabil and Associates, an executive and Leadership Growth Consultancy. He serves on a number of Boards and Trusts. He has been married to his sweetheart, Joy, since 1986 and they are blessed with 4 children: Sompaa, Nhyira, Yoofi and Baaba Aseda.

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